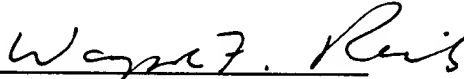


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to an Office Action dated June 21, 2000, response to which is due by  
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Kindly amend claim 1 as follows: